(*b*) *Vide* statement enclosed. (Appendix.)

(*c*) Two—

1. Superintendent, Maharani's Women's Training College, Mysore, on Rs. 200 (personal) against the grade Rs. 125-10-175.
2. Assistant Mistress, Vani Vilas Institute, Bangalore, on Rs. 175 *plus* Rs. 50 personal allowance in grade Rs. 125-10-175.

(*d*) No special arrangement.

(*e*) The question is not specific as to who this lady is.

SRIMATHI K. D. RUKMINIAMMA, DHARMAPARAYANI SRIMATHI ALAMMA, SRIMATHI KALYANAMMA and SRIMATHI SAKAMMA (Women's Interests).—

Q.—49. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) if, as things stand at present, women are on the same footing as men in the matter of franchise and eligibility for election to public bodies ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, whether Government would kindly take early steps to do away with all those inequalities as between men and women in the opportunities and rights for public service ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT —

A.—49. (*a*) Yes, so far as Representative Assembly and Legislative Council, District Boards and Municipalities are concerned. In the case of Village Panchayats, however, women can vote, but cannot stand for election. They may however be nominated as members of Village Panchayats.

(*b*) Instructions have been issued to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts that where suitable lady candidates are available, there is no objection for nominating them as members of Village Panchayats.

MR. KRISHNA RAO GANESH RAO GURUJAR (Special Interests).—

Q.—50. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) (i) whether it has come to their notice that some dealers are mixing coffee husk with coffee powder ; (ii) whether they are aware that the coffee husk is harmful to health ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the innocent purchasers are being deceived by this adulterated powder ;

(*c*) if so, whether it is possible to prohibit such adulteration ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—50. (*a*) (i) No.
(ii) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) This does not arise in view of reply to (*a*) above.

MR. A. DASAPPA (Minorities).—

Q.—51. Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons belonging to the Jyotinagara Vaisya (Ganiga) community that are employed in posts carrying Rs. 40 and above in Government service (details regarding the offices in which they are employed and the pay received by them may kindly be furnished) ?